

Minutes of Zoom meeting of BUSCA TRUSTEES 14 Jan 2021 following the AGM

1. Welcome all
2. Apologies - Betty Turner
3. Election of Officers –

Frances Thompson, President – Judith proposed 2nd Val, AIF

Judith Rodgers, Chair - Sue proposed 2nd Val, AIF. Judith gave notice that she wishes to be replaced as chair in a year's time.

Nicola Noble, Vice Chair – Sue proposed 2nd Craig, AIF. Many thanks to Sue for her many years of service.

David Rodgers, Treasurer – Frances proposed 2nd Ceri, AIF

Ceri Fairbrother, Minutes secretary – Brian proposed 2nd Ann, AIF

Diane Byrnes, Membership secretary – Frances proposed 2nd Judith, AIF

4. Treasurers report – circulated. No questions.

5. Library report – Committee is pursuing becoming a CIO in order to secure its future. Sally McHale is probably willing to stand as treasurer. She will work with Brian and David to learn the procedures. Sally needs to be on the Unity Bank to view for which trustees need to give permission. David proposed this 2nd Brian, AIF.

Another grant application should see a further £12,000 for continuation.

6. BV – Request for subsidy of £1,000 for March issue. Probably will not need to use all of this money. Currently advertising is very short as many businesses are not trading or have folded. Ted brought up the sustainability of BV which had previously been brought up by John Nurse two years ago. Ted had no objection to a one off subsidy but not to keep going regardless. Frances willing to support subsidy. Ted willing but needs must look to the future. David added that now was not the right time to be debating this and Frances agreed. We should carry on until we get back to more normal operation. The success of advertising depends 100% on Judith and although there have been a couple of possible replacements so far nothing permanent. The real challenge is to find a new advertising manager. Frances proposed £1,000 subsidy 2nd Lin. Carried no votes against one abstention.

7. Events – Not expecting to need more money than current allowance of £250

8. Insurance report – BUSCA indemnity insurance is due and David had sought a part refund of last year's premium, or a reduction in next year's, as activities are considerably reduced. Broker is asking but no reply yet. Steven suggested he could have dealt with this and he, David and Judith will chat further tomorrow. He offered to do the brokering at no cost to BUSCA.

9. Membership report – Approximately 57 paid up members at the moment

10. Annual report 2020 and Forward Plan 2021 – Those supplying information and writing short piece to submit around 17th February.

11. Actions arising from AGM – None

12. A.O.B. Sue brought up sustainability of BUSCA as we have none of the events that used to be run. Nicola thought that lack of income was only temporary. Craig suggested a quiz for income. Val agreed that was a good idea. Sue felt that some blue sky thinking would generate some money making ideas. Judith will discuss budgets at future meeting. Nicola asked if the library could just have its own treasurer and remain part of BUSCA. Judith explained it was more about sustaining the library as independent if BUSCA collapsed due to inability to replace the current treasurer.

13. Date of next Zoom meeting – Thursday 25th February 2021 at 7pm